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Hear Mme. Jennie Watts Brown at St. Stephen's Baptist Church, Thursday, July 1st



MME. JENNIE WATTS BROWN
Of Chicago, Ill., dramatic reader, character impersonator, will be heard in recital Thursday evening, July 1, at St. Stephen's Baptist church, Independence avenue and Charlotte st., Rev. J. W. Hulse, pastor. This will be Madame Brown's last recital here. She owns and operates a stereoscopic picture machine and a return engagement is assured wherever she has appeared.

JENNIE WATTS BROWN SCORES SUCCESS IN ST. JOSEPH.

The second annual spring concert of the Coleridge-Taylor Choral Society, St. Joseph, Mo., was held at the Francis Street Baptist church on the evening of June 9.

Madame Jennie Watts Brown of Chicago, one of the foremost dramatic readers and character impersonators, was the central feature of the program.

Madam Brown's selections embraced subjects that called for the portrayal of many human emotions and the strength and variety of her powers were indeed surprising. Her wardrobe was elaborate, she changing her costume for each selection. Madam Brown easily lived up to her reputation.

TO THE COMMISSION ON FEDERATION OF COLORED METHODIST CHURCHES IN JOINT SESSION AT CINCINNATI, OHIO, JUNE 30, 1915:

We, the undersigned, on behalf of Methodist Preachers' Alliance of Greater Kansas City, comprising four branches of Methodists, viz., A. M. E., A. M. E. Zion, C. M. E. and M. E., send you greeting with prayers.

We are anxious to contribute whatever we can toward assisting in making the worthy task for which you have assembled to accomplish, satisfactorily and effectively.

It was the consensus of opinion of the Alliance assembled that the Kingdom of God upon earth would be hastened and the causes for which we stand strengthened by the Federation of Colored Methodist Churches.

Feeling that this important age demands large things to be undertaken for the Lord and humanity.

Also, realizing more than ever the joy, the help and the beauty that would come should the consummation of the Lord's Prayer (when he prayed that the church might be one), become a reality.

The Alliance crystallized this sentiment, with an unanimous vote, by ordering a committee, empowered to convey to you the united action of said body, bearing upon this all important, generic subject, and beg the privilege to join you in earnest prayer, in your first joint session, that the near future will not only record the Federation of Colored Methodists, but ultimately organic union.

WM. H. PECK, P. E., Kansas City District, A. M. E. Church.

J. M. McCLAIN, Pastor C. M. E. Church.

REV. P. D. DOUGLAS, P. E., Missouri District, A. M. E. Zion.

REV. J. C. C. OWENS, P. E., Omaha District, A. M. E. Church.

REV. P. W. POWELL, Pastor A. M. E. Zion, St. James, City.

WM. H. WHEELER, D. S., Kansas City, District Central Missouri Missouri Conference.

PREACHERS VS. ECONOMY.

By CHAS. A. STARKS.

In handling this subject the writer desires to state that he believes in a reasonable criticism of men and institutions, but is absolutely free of any personal spleen venting, and writes this article with "malice towards none and charity for all." His relations or dealings with preachers have been pleasant and agreeable, but this does not prevent him from pointing out to the people just where the average preacher is against the sustaining economics of a community. Money honestly and industriously made and reasonably spent is economy. To the laborer this is simple.

His wages go for house rent, board, clothing and other necessities of life. If there is any left, the remainder is wisely spent for such culture, such dignity, such education, such knowledge and such home life as he may be able to establish.

Economy is rightly the relationship that balances labor and capital, exalts work and opportunity, joins the producer and the consumer. Now that which separates capital from labor, without giving anything tangible or substantial in return; that which affords no work (for livelihood), no opportunity for advancement; that which consumes without producing, is not economy, but is against it.

Again, economy is the preserving law that assures the producer a fair enjoyment of his production, that he does not enjoy this as he should largely because that some non-producers are enjoying it for him. There are many such (non-producers) and the preaching class furnish the greater number. Why? Because he is not a worker, nor an investor, nor an opportunity maker. He consumes what others produce. But if he does not produce as we understand it, he certainly governs. Herein lies the hitch.

The preacher handles money, oodles of it. Why? Because men (think) they believe in religion, and it costs money to be religiously disposed, you know. Consequently, the believer must pay in hard round dollars his tribute to the non-producer who governs. The preacher governs solely (mostly soullessly). Of course there is the executive board (but so are there mock congresses and conferences) who share some slight division of power. But the preacher is the "state" first and last, and guards his power with the jealousy of a king. This is done systematically and diplomatically, and even insidiously.

Does he recognize sound public policies? No. Because his followers are ignorant, because ignorant people do not co-operate. He can have a successful church rally because he is a master in cajoling, hounding and intimidating. (This means money for him and his subordinates' coffers). But in an attempted co-operation for something unselfish or broad dismal failure is the usual result. Why is this?

Because he has taught his followers to merely "follow" and not think. Which leads to this truth: Thinking people see and work. Unthinking people must stubbornly follow. This means a falling by the wayside. We are too religious, that is, we have got too much name and not enough substance. We want less name and more production. We have got too many church buildings. Our souls, figuratively speaking, are better taken

care of than our stomachs. Every other miserable creature thinks he can preach, or rather labors under the painful hallucination that God created him especially to roar from some pulpit, happily unmindful of his lack of qualifications. That we have so many millions of dollars sunk in unproductive brick and mortar is a shame instead of humbling industry. Money making economic independence it would have a better glory than now, when it fosters chiefly a casting of great sums of money upon the vain altar of superstition, misnamed religion.

A jokeologist was asked once what would he suggest as a means of keeping the money in this country. "Why, simply give it to the church foreign mission fund," he readily replied.

The inference here is that money given to churches for specific purposes too frequently fails its right destination. This is not economy. But it is GRAFT. There is more money wasted and stolen in churches than any other line of institutions. We know of a race that vainly gives more of the wealth of the institution of highest labor to the preacher than they give in return to the very source from which it comes.

The wormout argument (yes, platitudes) of the collection taker is, "Blessed is the cheerful giver," but strange to say it works over and over again. Many a time have I watched the preacher drop quickly from a jocular vein of talk to pronouncing a benediction over funds received during the collection. He does it so easy I often wonder whether he is talking or praying. But practice makes perfect, so they say. I can only add that (to improve upon a certain vernacular) what qualifications are demanded to secure "the money" the preacher seems to possess.

But churches, after all, are not rich institutions; rather beggarly, in spite of the vast sums that go into them. They simply alter and consume what labor and economy have already produced.

I have but little respect for anybody's religion that does not include a reasonable portion of law, order, beauty and honesty. These are common traits which anybody may exemplify. Then building fine buildings at great expense only to let them rot is plainly not economy. This is what happens invariably.

Suppose the race had half of the money invested in factories and industries that it throws away in churches and their mismanagement, wouldn't we have just a little more social, economic and industrial independence?

This article could not, if intended, hurt real religion (the truth) but we believe that there is some things mentioned that will lead most readers to

MASONS TO CELEBRATE ST. JOHN'S DAY.

The Masonic bodies of Kansas City, Mo., will celebrate St. John's day Sunday, June 27, at the Second Baptist church, Tenth and Charlotte streets. The ladies of the Court, Chapter, Daughters of Isis and Golden Circle will assemble in the basement of the church to await the arrival of the Masons, who will escort them into the church.

The Masonic procession will form at the Masonic Temple at 12 o'clock sharp and the parade will start from the Masonic Temple promptly at 1 p. m. under the escort of Far West and Emanuel Commanderies.

Line of March—North on Woodland to 14th street, west on 14th to Vine street, north on Vine street to 11th street, west on 11th street to Charlotte, north on Charlotte street to the church.

Arriving at the church the following program will be rendered:

Introducing Master of Ceremonies—E. G. Lacey, D. D. G. M. Master of Ceremonies—Nelson C. Crews, M. W. Grand Master of Masons, Invocation—Rev. J. W. Hulse, D. D. Music—Choir. Reading of the Grand Master's Proclamation—George W. K. Love, R. G. P. G. S. Collection.

Vocal Solo—Mrs. Lillian Lewis. The Blue Lodge—R. T. Coles, P. G. M. Hymns of Jericho. Order of the Eastern Star—Mrs. Minnie L. Crosthwaite, P. R. M. Royal Arch Masons—Wm. H. Dawley, Jr., D. D. G. H. P. Vocal Solo—Miss Margaret Jackson. Knights Templar—W. G. Mosely, R. E. G. C. Shrine—Noble W. H. King. Music—Orchestra. Consistory—Ill. E. S. Baker, 23d degree deputy of Missouri.

Daughters of Isis—Mrs. Richie Coles, L. L. Golden Circle—Mrs. Ada Baker, C. C. Music—Choir. Sermon—Rev. Wm. H. Thomas, D. D. Solo—Miss Margaret Jackson. Benediction. All Masons are requested to turn out and celebrate the day.

GRAND RALLY AT THE PASEO C. M. E. CHURCH.

The Paseo C. M. E. church will have its annual rally Sunday, July 4. Bishop M. F. Jamison of the Fifth Episcopal district, will be with us and also the Ministerial Alliance of the M. E. Church, South, and several of their members. We invite as many of the ministers of the Methodist Alliance and their congregations as can make it convenient to be with us. The public is invited to be present. Help us in our struggle.

J. R. McCLAIN, Pastor.

The Lincoln High School Alumni Association will meet Monday evening, June 28, at 8 p. m. at the Y. M. C. A. All graduates of Lincoln High school please be present.

OF INTEREST TO KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

The visit of the Kansas City fraters and brethren to Liberty last Saturday proved to be the rarest treat of the season. Notwithstanding the threatening weather people turned out en masse to the ceremony. The paper on the E. O. S. was grand. Among those from Kansas City were G. Com. W. G. Mosely, Grand Rec. R. A. M. E. S. Baker, Grand Lecturer P. L. Pratt, District Deputy Grand Master Eugene Lacy and George Thomas, past master of Amos Johnson lodge No. 149. All these brethren took part in the services.

On July 10 the Masonic brethren at Dalton, Mo., will lay the corner stone of their new hall. Past Grand Master A. R. Chinn, G. M. Nelson C. Crews and G. Com. W. G. Mosely will be present and assist Carrolton Commandery No. 10 and Moberly Commandery U. D. have been invited to escort the brethren.

St. Stephen chapter and St. Matthews Commandery of Liberty have jointly purchased a lot 50x100 feet upon which it is proposed to erect an air dome for moving picture shows, out of door entertainment, drill ground and so forth. Later on an entertainment hall will be erected.

Thursday evening W. G. Mosely, accompanied by D. D. C. E. S. Baker and G. I. T. G. McCampbell paid the fraters of Northwest Commandery No. 6, St. Joseph, Mo., and annual visit.

The trolley party promoted by Allah Temple for the 17th was postponed on account of the stormy weather, which lasted all of Thursday afternoon and night. The excursion will be run at a later date and all those holding tickets can have their money refunded or the tickets will be honored at a future date.

KEYTESVILLE, MO.

The Mt. Zion school convention held one of the most successful spiritual and financial conventions here last week in the history of its organization. It was indeed inspiring to all. Prof. L. R. Johnson and his cabinet were re-elected. The offering for Western college was very large. The Ministers and Deacons' Union held sessions together with the Sunday school convention and adjourned at 12 o'clock to meet in Chillicothe, Mo., next year. Rev. W. H. Davis, pastor of the First Baptist church of Forest Green, Mo., preached the annual sermon.

COMMISSION OF NEGRO METHODISTS TO MEET IN JOINT SESSION, CINCINNATI, OHIO, JUNE 30, 1915.

The several commissions on Federation of the Colored Methodist of the world are to meet in their first joint session in Cincinnati, June 30, Secretary I. Garland Penn of the commission appointed by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, at Minneapolis, Minn., in 1912 was seen in his office in the Methodist Book Concern building a few days ago and he stated that all the commissions had been appointed representing the African Methodist Episcopal Zion church, the African Methodist Episcopal Church in America and the Methodist Episcopal Church. The names of the commissioners disclose the fact that each church has selected some of its ablest men.

From the African Methodist church the following are the commissioners: Bishops B. F. Lee, chairman, Wilberforce, Ohio; Levi J. Coppin, Philadelphia, Pa.; John H. Hurst, Baltimore, Md. Ministers—Rev. A. J. Carey, D. D., Chicago; Rev. V. M. Townsend, D. D., presiding elder Little Rock, Ark.; Rev. G. W. Allen, D. D., editor, Columbus, Ga.

Laymen—Prof. John Hawkins, financial secretary, Washington, D. C.; Prof. A. S. Jackson, educational secretary, Waco, Tex.; Ira T. Bryant, Sunday school secretary, Nashville, Tenn. From the African Methodist Episcopal Zion church comes Bishops J. S. Caldwell, D. D., chairman, Philadelphia; Alexander Walters, D. D., New York; George W. Clinton, D. D., Charlotte, N. C.

Ministers—Rev. G. C. Clement, D. D., editor, Charlotte, N. C.; Rev. J. S. Jackson, D. D., financial secretary, Birmingham, Ala. Laymen—President S. G. Atkins, A. M., educational secretary, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Hon. John C. Dancy, church extension secretary, Philadelphia; W. M. Trent, general secretary Y. M. C. A., Atlanta, Ga.

From the Colored Methodist Episcopal church comes: Bishops—C. H. Phillips, D. D., Nashville, Tenn., chairman; R. A. Carter, D. D., Atlanta, Ga.; N. C. Cleaves, D. D., Jackson, Tenn.

Ministers—Rev. J. W. Gilbert, D. D., secretary African missions, Augusta, Ga.; Rev. J. A. Hamlett, D. D., editor, Jackson, Tenn.; J. A. Bray, D. D., Birmingham, Ala. Laymen—Prof. D. C. Potts, Mississippi Industrial college, Holly College, Augusta, Ga., and Prof. G. F. Porter, Lane college, Jackson, Tenn.

From the Methodist Episcopal church the commissioners are Bishops Theo S. Henderson, D. D., chairman, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Wilbur P. Methodist Episcopal church was the first to name a commission the joint session will be the guest of that church and will be called to order by Bishop Theo S. Henderson, the chairman of the Methodist Episcopal commission.

The chairman of each commission is expected to preside over the joint sessions in the order of their appointment. The secretary of the commission of the Methodist Episcopal Thirteenth, D. D., New Orleans, La.; Thomas B. Neely, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa.

Ministers—Rev. R. E. Jones, D. D., editor, New Orleans, La.; Rev. R. E. Gillum, D. D., district superintendent, Mexico, Mo. Laymen—I. Garland Penn, A. M., Litt. D., educational secretary, Cincinnati, O.; Prof. E. H. McKassack, A. M., business man and financier, Holly Springs, Miss.; L. J. Price, merchant, Atlanta, Ga.

Each commission of each church will hold a session of its own on June 29 and the joint session will convene in Wiley chapel of the Methodist Book Concern, Cincinnati, Ohio, June 30, at 10 a. m. As the General Conference of the church, Dr. I. Garland Penn who has had great success this quadrennium as Freedman's Aid secretary and well known as a master organizer, has been conducting the correspondence incident to the joint session. Now that the joint commission is soon to meet Secretary Penn is happy that the accredited representatives of 1,600,000 Negro Methodists are to look each other in the face and reason together as to what they can do, that will make for the advancement of the kingdom of Christ in the salvation of men in general and the Negro race in particular. The secretary would advance no suggestions as to what were the items of a constructive nature likely to be considered, but it is believed that such matters as to co-operative evangelistic and educational endeavors, waste in the duplication of churches and institutions, and even organic union will receive attention. Recommendations to the several general conferences of the various Methodist bodies represented that will further such interest will doubtless be made.

The movement is epochal. There is sure to come from this important body a pronouncement that will be of great moment. A great mass meeting of Negro Methodists of Cincinnati, O., Covington, Ky., and Newport, Ky., is planned for the evening of the 29th to be followed by a banquet. The local pastors co-operating in this are Rev. C. S. Williams, D. D., pastor Allen Temple, A. M. E. church; Rev. J. S. Ferguson, Brown chapel A. M. E. church; Rev. D. E. Skelton, D. D., Park Street M. E. church; Rev. J. L. Franklin, Mt. Zion M. E. church; Rev.

T. L. Ferguson, Ninth Street M. E. church, Covington, Ky.; Rev. W. A. Blackwell, D. D., George Street A. M. E. Zion church; Rev. S. H. Mitchell, C. M. E. church, Covington, Ky., and Rev. Wilkerson of the C. M. E. church, Cumminsville, Cincinnati, O.

Cincinnati without respect to denomination is looking forward to this important meeting which is the first of its kind in the history of Methodism.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES

The boys' camp will not likely be pitched until next August.

Prof. C. G. Woodson of the M Street High school of Washington, D. C., is a guest at the Y. M. C. A. this week.

The gymnasium classes are growing in attendance. The swimming classes are especially popular as the warm days approach.

One of the members of the Sorosis club entertained the club at the Y. M. C. A. this week, serving refreshments from the cafeteria.

Dr. G. E. Horsey of Kansas City, Kas., gave the men a most interesting and instructive address at the men's meeting on last Sunday. A strong address is expected on next Sunday, June 27.

A splendid example of the never-quitt spirit is shown by Dr. H. C. White and his noonday volleyball team. Although they have gone down to defeat, yet they have gone down fighting. Hurrah for Doc!



MISS CORA B. RAMEY

Who announces the marriage of her mother, Mrs. Ida Gaines, to Mr. Geo. W. Little Tuesday, June 29, 1915. The Second Regimental band and Second regiment, U. R. K. of P., will give honor to this occasion. Invitations have been issued.

CHILLICOTHE, MO.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brown are visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Kerford at Atchison, Kas. Rev. H. O. Burbridge, Mr. Benj. Bland, Prof. William Longdon and Misses Mayme Cabell, Bertha Monroe, Verna Curry, Rebecca Sawyer and Mrs. Rilla Curry are attending the Sunday school convention at Corrollton, Mo. Mrs. Brown is visiting in St. Joseph, Mo. The Priscilla Art Club met with Mrs. Lottie Montgomery Thursday. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess. The Bachelor Girls were entertained by Miss Alice Talley Saturday afternoon with Misses Drake and Jones as guests. When the Knights and Daughters of Tabor and the maids and pages had filed into the seats reserved for them at the A. M. E. church last Sunday the large congregation was better impressed with the size of the membership of the order in this city than they were before. It is necessary, of course, for them to impress those not of their ranks, if for no other reason, with the bigness of the local fraternity. But bigger than their membership is the humanitarian purpose which is driving such organizations along with increasing gain. The program was well arranged by the officers, Augustus Anderson, C. M. D.; Ruth Anderson, H. P. and Dr. Flora Tolson, A. M. The vocal solo by Mrs. Ella Todd, the song by the Maids and Pages, the recitation by Miss Mildred Saunders, the vocal solo by Mr. Floyd Dawson and the annual sermon by Rev. H. O. Burbridge went home to the audience with evident impressiveness and power. A touching incident not down on the program occurred during the opening service as a sweet surprise to the congregation. Through the assistance and kindness of several members of the order Mr. Wm. Moore, the oldest Sir Knight in Livingston county, and Mrs. Margaret Hicks, a charter member and an invalid of patience and cheerfulness, were enabled to attend the annual service for the first time within a number of years. We ask, "How many years hence shall this our lofty scene be acted o'er?" All in all the annual service of the Knights and Daughters of Tabor was a success from every viewpoint.

CENTENNIAL M. E. CHURCH.

The services last Sunday were well attended and very interesting. Our motto, "We strive to treat others better than they treat us."



Interior view of Dr. Theo Smith's drug store at 18th street and Tracy avenue, pronounced by traveled connoisseurs to be the most elaborately furnished, well equipped and finely stocked drug stores managed by and for Negroes in the West. Dr. Smith is one of the race's most aggressive and philanthropic business men, and believes that efficiency, integrity and industry will always win.

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do a little thinking. If so, it has served its purpose. Nothing is so progressive as thought. We reserve further comment on this subject for the future.

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VINE STREET CHURCH.

Morning and evening services were well attended. The pastor preached in the morning. In the evening the Prince of East Africa preached a wonderful sermon. Mrs. Julia Caldwell is much better at this writing. The Twelve Tribes met in joint session Monday night. Addresses were made by our pastor and Mr. Ewing the agriculturist. The Woman's Mission Circle meets every Tuesday night. All are invited to attend. The African Prince visited our Sunday school last Sunday. He flattered our school by saying it was the best school he had met in America.

WARD CHAPEL.

The Ward chapel propellers are the boosters of Ward. Tuesday night a musical organization was formed to be known as the Propellers' Neighborhood Chorus, directed by Miss DeKonza. Their first appearance will be Tuesday night, June 29, at the church, 1129 Woodland avenue. They will sing an original song, "O Flowing Nile." Mr. James Anderson, Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Mrs. Sapp and others will render solos, besides other pleasing features. Mrs. K. T. Brooks, the president, will be assisted by Mrs. E. C. Bunch as patroness.